



REMARKS

Claims 1-90 were originally presented. Claims 24, 25, 27, 56-70 and 88-90 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a nonelected invention. By telephonic conference on January 18, 2005, a further restriction requirement was made as between

1. Claims 1-23, 26, 28-42 and 71-87; and
2. Claims 43-55.

An oral election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of group 1, claims 1-23, 26, 28-42 and 71-87. Applicant hereby affirms such oral election.

All the non-withdrawn claims have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 6, 7, 16, 17, 28, 33, 37, 38, 40, 42 and 80 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome 35 USC 112 rejections. The remaining of the non-withdrawn claims have been rejected under 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103 on the art of record.

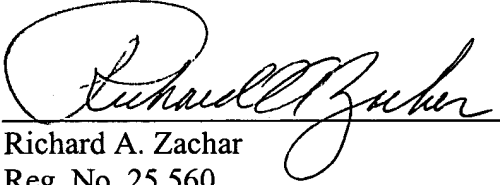
In order to facilitate prosecution, the allowable claims have been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejections and all other non-withdrawn claims have either been cancelled or made to depend from allowable claims.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, claim 85 has been canceled thereby obviating the objection.

In view of the foregoing it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance as a whole, such favorable action being earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should it be considered that such would expedite prosecution.

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